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Issue: 2000 U.S. Census Update of Distressed Community Criteria

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Background:

In May 2001 the Denali Commission released its Distressed Community Criteria and Surrogate Standard along with a listing of Alaskan communities and their distressed/non-distressed classifications. The Denali Commission indicated at that time that an update of community classifications would be provided when 2000 Census Data was available.

In an effort to ensure Federal funding provided by the Denali Commission is being distributed to communities with the most need compared to other areas of Alaska and the United States, the Denali Commission adopted Distressed Community Criteria as part of its Code. Concurrently, Congressional intent language, providing a mechanism for the Denali Commission to construct community health facilities in rural Alaska, directed the Commission to provide funding not to exceed 50% for communities not designated as distressed and to provide funding not to exceed 80% for communities designated as distressed.

The Commission's adopted Distressed Community Criteria is:

1. *Per capita market income no greater than 67% of the U.S. Average.*
2. *150% of the U.S. Average or greater of Poverty Rate.*
3. *3 year unemployment rate at 150 percent of the U.S. average or greater.*

Or have twice the U.S. poverty rate and qualify on one other indicator.

Definitions:

Per capita market income: Per capita market income equals total personal income less transfer payments divided by population. Transfer payments include retirement and disability insurance benefit payments, medical payments, income maintenance benefit payments, unemployment insurance benefit payments, veterans benefit payments and other such payments.

Poverty rate: Poverty rate is the percent of the total population (for whom poverty status has been determined) living below the poverty threshold. The US Census Bureau uses

a set of money income thresholds that vary by family size and composition to detect who is poor. If a family's total income is less than that family's threshold, then that family, and every individual in it, is considered poor. The poverty thresholds do not vary geographically, but they are updated annually for inflation using the Consumer Price Index. The official poverty definition counts money income before taxes and does not include capital gains and non-cash benefits (such as public housing, medicaid, food stamps, or subsistence).

2000 Census Update:

The Denali Commission used 2000 Census Data and the following methodology to determine whether communities met the Distressed Community Criteria:

Criteria 1: Per capita market income no greater than 67% of the U.S. average.

The U.S. Census Bureau does not provide per capita market income data. Instead, it provides per capita income, the average obtained by dividing aggregate income by total population of an area.

Methodology: National Per Capita Income = \$21,587
67% of National Per Capita Income = **\$14,463.29**

Any community with per capita income less than or equal to \$14,463.29 meets Criteria 1.

Criteria 2: 150% of the U.S. Average or greater of the Poverty Rate.

Methodology: National Poverty Rate = 12.4%
150% of National Poverty Rate = **18.6%**

Any community with a poverty rate greater than or equal to 18.6% meets Criteria 2.

Criteria 3: 3 year unemployment rate at 150% of the U.S. average or greater.

The U.S. Census Bureau does not provide three-year unemployment data. The Commission used the one-year rate data provided by the 2000 Census. In addition, the Commission relied on the unemployment rate of the civilian labor force, which does not include members of the U.S. Armed Forces, to determine Criteria 3.

Methodology: National Civilian Labor Force Unemployment Rate = 5.8%
150% of National Civilian Unemployment Rate = **8.7%**

Any community with a civilian unemployment rate greater than or equal to 8.7% meets Criteria 3.

Alternative Distress Criteria: Twice the U.S. poverty rate and qualify on one other indicator.

Methodology: National Poverty Rate = 12.4%
 200% of National Poverty Rate = **24.8%**

Any community which meets either Criteria 1 or 3 and has a poverty rate greater than or equal to 24.8% meets the Alternative Distress Criteria.

Appeals

Any community that believes a classification was determined with information that is not representative may appeal to the Denali Commission. Appeals must be sent in writing to the Denali Commission Chief of Staff (*Send to: Denali Commission, Attention: Chief of Staff, 510 L Street, Suite 410, Anchorage, AK 99501*). A successful appeal must include the following:

- New information that determines a community meets all of the Distressed Community Criteria which are:
 1. Per capita income (defined above) less than or equal to \$14,463.29
 2. Poverty Rate (defined above) greater than or equal to 18.6%
 3. Unemployment Rate (defined above) greater than or equal to 8.7%
- New information that determines a community meets the Alternative Distress Criteria which is:
 1. Twice the U.S. Poverty Rate (24.8%) and qualification on either Criteria 1 or 3.
- New information that is more current than the 2000 Census data (1999 or later).
- New information that came from a verifiable independent source. The following are some, but not all, acceptable sources of new information:
 - State of Alaska
 - United States Government
 - Third Party Survey

The Denali Commission Chief of Staff will make an appeal determination based on new information presented and will provide a response in writing within 30 days.

Updated Community Classifications:

The following is an updated list of all communities in the State of Alaska and their distressed/non-distressed classification as defined by the Denali Commission Distressed Criteria (defined above):

Community	Distressed/ Non-Distressed Classification
ADAK	NON-DISTRESSED
AKHIOK	NON-DISTRESSED
AKIACHAK	DISTRESSED
AKIAK	DISTRESSED
AKUTAN	DISTRESSED
ALAKANUK	DISTRESSED
ALATNA	NON-DISTRESSED
ALCAN BORDER	NON-DISTRESSED
ALEKNAGIK	DISTRESSED
ALENEVA	DISTRESSED
ALEXANDER CREEK – POINT MACKENZIE	NON-DISTRESSED
ALGAACIG	NON-DISTRESSED
ALLAKAKET	NON-DISTRESSED
AMBLER	NON-DISTRESSED
ANAKTUVUK	NON-DISTRESSED
ANCHOR POINT	NON-DISTRESSED
ANCHORAGE MUNICIPALITY	NON-DISTRESSED
ANDERSON	NON-DISTRESSED
ANDREAFSKY	DISTRESSED
ANGOON	DISTRESSED
ANIAK	NON-DISTRESSED
ANNETTE ISLAND RESERVE	NON-DISTRESSED
ANVIK	DISTRESSED
ARCTIC VILLAGE	DISTRESSED
ATKA	NON-DISTRESSED
ATMAUTLUAK	DISTRESSED
ATQASUK	NON-DISTRESSED
ATTU STATION	NON-DISTRESSED
BARROW	NON-DISTRESSED
BEAR CREEK	NON-DISTRESSED
BEAVER	NON-DISTRESSED
BELKOFSKI	INCOMPLETE CENSUS DATA
BELUGA	INCOMPLETE CENSUS DATA
BETHEL	NON-DISTRESSED
BETTLES	NON-DISTRESSED
BIG DELTA	DISTRESSED
BIG LAKE	NON-DISTRESSED
BILL MOORE'S	INCOMPLETE CENSUS DATA
BIRCH CREEK	DISTRESSED
BIRD CREEK-ANCHORAGE MUNICIPALITY	NON-DISTRESSED

BREVIG MISSION	DISTRESSED
BUCKLAND	NON-DISTRESSED
BUFFALO SOAPSTONE	NON-DISTRESSED
BUTTE	NON-DISTRESSED
CANTWELL	NON-DISTRESSED
CENTRAL	NON-DISTRESSED
CHALKYITSIK	DISTRESSED
CHASE	NON-DISTRESSED
CHEFORNAK	DISTRESSED
CHENEGA	NON-DISTRESSED
CHEVAK	DISTRESSED
CHICKALOON	NON-DISTRESSED
CHICKEN	NON-DISTRESSED
CHIGNIK	NON-DISTRESSED
CHIGNIK LAGOON	NON-DISTRESSED
CHIGNIK LAKE	NON-DISTRESSED
CHILKAT	NON-DISTRESSED
CHILKOOT	NON-DISTRESSED
CHINIAK	NON-DISTRESSED
CHISANA	INCOMPLETE CENSUS DATA
CHISTOCHINA	DISTRESSED
CHITINA	NON-DISTRESSED
CHUATHBALUK	NON-DISTRESSED
CHULLOONAWICK	INCOMPLETE CENSUS DATA
CIRCLE	DISTRESSED
CIRCLE HOT SPRINGS	NON-DISTRESSED
CLAM GULCH	NON-DISTRESSED
CLARK'S POINT	DISTRESSED
CLEAR	INCOMPLETE CENSUS DATA
COFFMAN COVE	NON-DISTRESSED
COHOE	NON-DISTRESSED
COLD BAY	DISTRESSED
COLDFOOT	NON-DISTRESSED
COLLEGE	NON-DISTRESSED
COOPER LANDING	NON-DISTRESSED
COPPER CENTER	NON-DISTRESSED
COPPERVILLE	NON-DISTRESSED
CORDOVA	NON-DISTRESSED
COUNCIL	INCOMPLETE CENSUS DATA
COVENANT LIFE	NON-DISTRESSED
CRAIG	NON-DISTRESSED
CROOKED CREEK	DISTRESSED
CROWN POINT	NON-DISTRESSED
CUBE COVE	NON-DISTRESSED
DEERING	NON-DISTRESSED
DELTA JUNCTION	NON-DISTRESSED
DELTANA	NON-DISTRESSED
DIAMOND RIDGE	NON-DISTRESSED
DILLINGHAM	NON-DISTRESSED
DIOMEDE-LITTLE DIOMEDE	DISTRESSED
DOT LAKE	NON-DISTRESSED
DOT LAKE VILLAGE	NON-DISTRESSED

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DOUGLAS	NON-DISTRESSED
DRY CREEK	DISTRESSED
EAGLE	NON-DISTRESSED
EAGLE VILLAGE	DISTRESSED
EAGLE RIVER/CHUGIAK – ANCHORAGE MUNICIPALITY	NON-DISTRESSED
EDNA BAY	NON-DISTRESSED
EEK	DISTRESSED
EGEGIK	NON-DISTRESSED
EIELSON AFB	NON-DISTRESSED
EKLUTNA	NON-DISTRESSED
EKUK	NON-DISTRESSED
EKWOK	DISTRESSED
ELFIN COVE	NON-DISTRESSED
ELIM	NON-DISTRESSED
EMMONAK	NON-DISTRESSED
ESTER	NON-DISTRESSED
EVANSVILLE	NON-DISTRESSED
EXCURSION INLET	DISTRESSED
EYAK	NON-DISTRESSED
FAIRBANKS	NON-DISTRESSED
FALSE PASS	NON-DISTRESSED
FARM LOOP	NON-DISTRESSED
FERRY	NON-DISTRESSED
FISHHOOK	NON-DISTRESSED
FLAT	INCOMPLETE CENSUS DATA
FORT GREELY	NON-DISTRESSED
FORT YUKON	NON-DISTRESSED
FOUR MILE ROAD	NON-DISTRESSED
FOX	NON-DISTRESSED
FOX RIVER	DISTRESSED
FRITZ CREEK	NON-DISTRESSED
FUNNY RIVER	NON-DISTRESSED
GAKONA	NON-DISTRESSED
GALENA	NON-DISTRESSED
GAMBELL	DISTRESSED
GAME CREEK	NON-DISTRESSED
GATEWAY	NON-DISTRESSED
GEORGETOWN	INCOMPLETE CENSUS DATA
GIRDWOOD – ANCHORAGE MUNICIPALITY	NON-DISTRESSED
GLACIER VIEW	NON-DISTRESSED
GLENNALLEN	NON-DISTRESSED
GOLOVIN	NON-DISTRESSED
GOODNEWS BAY	DISTRESSED
GRAYLING	DISTRESSED
GULKANA	DISTRESSED
GUSTAVUS	NON-DISTRESSED
HAINES	NON-DISTRESSED
HALIBUT COVE	NON-DISTRESSED
HAMILTON	INCOMPLETE CENSUS DATA
HAPPY VALLEY	NON-DISTRESSED

HARDING-BIRCH LAKES	NON-DISTRESSED
HEALY - LIGNITE	NON-DISTRESSED
HEALY LAKE	NON-DISTRESSED
HOBART BAY	NON-DISTRESSED
HOLLIS	NON-DISTRESSED
HOLY CROSS	DISTRESSED
HOMER	NON-DISTRESSED
HOONAH	NON-DISTRESSED
HOOPER BAY	DISTRESSED
HOPE	NON-DISTRESSED
HOUSTON	NON-DISTRESSED
HUGHES	DISTRESSED
HUSLIA	DISTRESSED
HYDABURG	DISTRESSED
HYDER	DISTRESSED
IGIUGIG	NON-DISTRESSED
ILIAMNA	NON-DISTRESSED
INALIK	DISTRESSED
IVANOF BAY	NON-DISTRESSED
JAKOLOF BAY	INCOMPLETE CENSUS DATA
JUNEAU CITY AND BOROUGH	NON-DISTRESSED
KACHEMAK	NON-DISTRESSED
KAKE	NON-DISTRESSED
KAKTOVIK	NON-DISTRESSED
KALIFORNSKY	NON-DISTRESSED
KALSKAG	DISTRESSED
KALTAG	DISTRESSED
KANATAK	NON-DISTRESSED
KARLUK	NON-DISTRESSED
KASAAN	NON-DISTRESSED
KASIGLUK	DISTRESSED
KASILOF	NON-DISTRESSED
KENAI	NON-DISTRESSED
KENAITZE	NON-DISTRESSED
KENNY LAKE	DISTRESSED
KETHICKAN – WARD COVE	NON-DISTRESSED
KIANA	NON-DISTRESSED
KING COVE	NON-DISTRESSED
KING SALMON	NON-DISTRESSED
KIPNUK	DISTRESSED
KIVALINA	DISTRESSED
KLAWOCK	NON-DISTRESSED
KLUKWAN	NON-DISTRESSED
KNIK	NON-DISTRESSED
KNIK RIVER	NON-DISTRESSED
KNIK-FAIRVIEW	NON-DISTRESSED
KOBUK	DISTRESSED
KODIAK	NON-DISTRESSED
KODIAK STATION	NON-DISTRESSED
KOKHANOK	DISTRESSED
KONGIGANAK	NON-DISTRESSED
KOTLIK	DISTRESSED

KOTZEBUE	NON-DISTRESSED
KOYUK	DISTRESSED
KOYUKUK	DISTRESSED
KUPREANOF	NON-DISTRESSED
KWETHLUK	DISTRESSED
KWIGILLINGOK	DISTRESSED
KWINHAGAK	DISTRESSED
LAKE LOUISE	DISTRESSED
LAKE MINCHUMINA	NON-DISTRESSED
LAKES	NON-DISTRESSED
LARSEN BAY	NON-DISTRESSED
LAZY MOUNTAIN	NON-DISTRESSED
LEVELOK	NON-DISTRESSED
LIGNITE - HEALY	NON-DISTRESSED
LIME VILLAGE	INCOMPLETE CENSUS DATA
LITTLE DIOMEDE – DIOMEDE	DISTRESSED
LIVENGOOD	NON-DISTRESSED
LOWELL POINT	DISTRESSED
LOWER KALSKAG	DISTRESSED
LUTAK	NON-DISTRESSED
MANLEY HOT SPRINGS	NON-DISTRESSED
MANOKOTAK	DISTRESSED
MARSHALL	DISTRESSED
MARY'S IGLOO	INCOMPLETE CENSUS DATA
MCCARTHY	NON-DISTRESSED
MCGRATH	NON-DISTRESSED
MCKINLEY PARK	NON-DISTRESSED
MEADOW LAKES	NON-DISTRESSED
MEKORYUK	DISTRESSED
MENDELTNA	NON-DISTRESSED
MENTASTA LAKE	DISTRESSED
METLAKATLA	NON-DISTRESSED
MEYERS CHUCK	NON-DISTRESSED
MILLER LANDING	NON-DISTRESSED
MINTO	DISTRESSED
MOOSE CREEK	NON-DISTRESSED
MOOSE PASS	NON-DISTRESSED
MOSQUITO LAKE	DISTRESSED
MOUNTAIN VILLAGE	DISTRESSED
MUD BAY	NON-DISTRESSED
NAKNEK	NON-DISTRESSED
NANWALEK	NON-DISTRESSED
NAPAIMUTE	INCOMPLETE CENSUS DATA
NAPAKIAK	DISTRESSED
NAPASKIAK	NON-DISTRESSED
NAUKATI BAY	NON-DISTRESSED
NELCHINA	NON-DISTRESSED
NELSON LAGOON	NON-DISTRESSED
NENANA	NON-DISTRESSED
NEW ALLAKAKET	DISTRESSED
NEW KOLIGANEK	DISTRESSED
NEW STUYAHOK	DISTRESSED

NEWHALEN	NON-DISTRESSED
NEWTOK	DISTRESSED
NIGHTMUTE	DISTRESSED
NIKISKI	NON-DISTRESSED
NIKOLAEVSK	DISTRESSED
NIKOLAI	DISTRESSED
NIKOLSKI	NON-DISTRESSED
NINILCHIK	NON-DISTRESSED
NOATAK	DISTRESSED
NOME	NON-DISTRESSED
NONDALTON	DISTRESSED
NOORVIK	NON-DISTRESSED
NORTH POLE	NON-DISTRESSED
NORTHWAY	NON-DISTRESSED
NORTHWAY JUNCTION	NON-DISTRESSED
NORTHWAY VILLAGE	DISTRESSED
NUIQSUT	NON-DISTRESSED
NULATO	NON-DISTRESSED
NUNAM IQUA	DISTRESSED
NUNAPITCHUK	DISTRESSED
OHOGAMIUT	INCOMPLETE CENSUS DATA
OLD HARBOR	DISTRESSED
OSCARVILLE	DISTRESSED
OUZINKIE	NON-DISTRESSED
PAIMIUT	INCOMPLETE CENSUS DATA
PALMER	NON-DISTRESSED
PAXSON	NON-DISTRESSED
PEDRO BAY	NON-DISTRESSED
PELICAN	NON-DISTRESSED
PERRYVILLE	NON-DISTRESSED
PETERSBURG	NON-DISTRESSED
PETERSVILLE	NON-DISTRESSED
PILOT POINT	NON-DISTRESSED
PILOT STATION	DISTRESSED
PITKAS POINT	DISTRESSED
PLATINUM	DISTRESSED
PLEASANT VALLEY	NON-DISTRESSED
POINT BAKER	NON-DISTRESSED
POINT HOPE	NON-DISTRESSED
POINT LAY	NON-DISTRESSED
POINT MACKENZIE - ALEXANDER CREEK	NON-DISTRESSED
POPE-VANNOY LANDING	DISTRESSED
PORT ALEXANDER	NON-DISTRESSED
PORT ALSWORTH	NON-DISTRESSED
PORT CLARENCE	NON-DISTRESSED
PORT GRAHAM	DISTRESSED
PORT HEIDEN	NON-DISTRESSED
PORT LIONS	NON-DISTRESSED
PORT PROTECTION	DISTRESSED
PORTAGE CREEK	NON-DISTRESSED
PRIMROSE	NON-DISTRESSED

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PRUDHOE BAY	NON-DISTRESSED
QUINHAGAK	DISTRESSED
RAMPART	NON-DISTRESSED
RED DEVIL	DISTRESSED
RED DOG MINE	NON-DISTRESSED
RIDGEWAY	NON-DISTRESSED
RUBY	DISTRESSED
RUSSIAN MISSION	DISTRESSED
SALAMATOF	NON-DISTRESSED
SALCHA	NON-DISTRESSED
SAND POINT	NON-DISTRESSED
SAVOONGA	DISTRESSED
SAXMAN	NON-DISTRESSED
SCAMMON BAY	DISTRESSED
SELAWIK	DISTRESSED
SELDOVIA	NON-DISTRESSED
SELDOVIA VILLAGE	NON-DISTRESSED
SEWARD	NON-DISTRESSED
SHAGELUK	NON-DISTRESSED
SHAKTOOLIK	NON-DISTRESSED
SHELDON POINT	DISTRESSED
SHISMAREF	NON-DISTRESSED
SHUNGNAK	DISTRESSED
SILVER SPRINGS	NON-DISTRESSED
SITKA	NON-DISTRESSED
SKAGWAY	NON-DISTRESSED
SKWENTNA	NON-DISTRESSED
SLANA	NON-DISTRESSED
SLEETMUTE	DISTRESSED
SOLDOTNA	NON-DISTRESSED
SOLOMON	INCOMPLETE CENSUS DATA
SOUTH NAKNEK	DISTRESSED
ST. GEORGE	NON-DISTRESSED
ST. MARY'S	NON-DISTRESSED
ST. MICHAEL	DISTRESSED
ST. PAUL	NON-DISTRESSED
STEBBINS	DISTRESSED
STERLING	NON-DISTRESSED
STEVENS VILLAGE	DISTRESSED
STONY RIVER	DISTRESSED
SUNRISE	NON-DISTRESSED
SUSITNA	NON-DISTRESSED
SUTTON-ALPINE	NON-DISTRESSED
TAKOTNA	NON-DISTRESSED
TALKEETNA	NON-DISTRESSED
TANACROSS	DISTRESSED
TANAINA	NON-DISTRESSED
TANANA	DISTRESSED
TATITLEK	NON-DISTRESSED
TAZLINA	NON-DISTRESSED
TELIDA	NON-DISTRESSED
TELLER	DISTRESSED

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TENAKEE SPRINGS	NON-DISTRESSED
TETLIN	DISTRESSED
THOMS PLACE	NON-DISTRESSED
THORNE BAY	NON-DISTRESSED
TOGIAK	DISTRESSED
TOK	NON-DISTRESSED
TOKSOOK BAY	DISTRESSED
TOLSONA	NON-DISTRESSED
TONSINA	NON-DISTRESSED
TRAPPER CREEK	NON-DISTRESSED
TULUKSAK	DISTRESSED
TUNTUTULIAK	DISTRESSED
TUNUNAK	DISTRESSED
TWIN HILLS	NON-DISTRESSED
TWO RIVERS	NON-DISTRESSED
TYONEK	NON-DISTRESSED
UGASHIK	NON-DISTRESSED
UNALAKLEET	NON-DISTRESSED
UNALASKA	NON-DISTRESSED
UPPER KALSKAG	DISTRESSED
VALDEZ	NON-DISTRESSED
VENETIE	DISTRESSED
WAIINWRIGHT	NON-DISTRESSED
WALES	NON-DISTRESSED
WARD COVE - KETCHIKAN	NON-DISTRESSED
WASILLA	NON-DISTRESSED
WHALE PASS	NON-DISTRESSED
WHITE MOUNTAIN	DISTRESSED
WHITESTONE LOGGING CAMP	NON-DISTRESSED
WHITTIER	NON-DISTRESSED
WILLOW	NON-DISTRESSED
WILLOW CREEK	NON-DISTRESSED
WISEMAN	NON-DISTRESSED
WOMENS BAY	NON-DISTRESSED
WRANGELL	NON-DISTRESSED
Y	NON-DISTRESSED
YAKUTAT	NON-DISTRESSED